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Letter from Lamb 6th 1972

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The little Memorandum which was privately printed and sent out at Christmas from Ambleside has brought a number of letters. Our Chairman was of the opinion that members of the Council might like to see one or two extracts. ~~The members of the~~ Council may have seen this Memorandum in the December "Parents' Review" where the Editor gave it hospitality. (over 80) (with) (copy)

" Here are some ~~extracts~~ quotations, -

1. "Your vivid note on Miss Mason's ideas is very interesting... We thought it might be a chapter of your new book. . . but on further reading I think it is rather a preliminary exploration of one aspect of her thought which has not taken its final form, whichever it is, it certainly repays perusal. "
2. " It is a very striking little pamphlet and should stimulate people to think and read more on the subject. "
3. " It is the "wholeness" of her thought which is so striking, there are heaps of "good ideas" about but no one gives this complete picture which is so satisfying. "
4. " I am constantly amazed at the way her words fit current thought and are even in advance of it, and also in what a masterly way each detail is related to the whole. This I think is the idea that emerges so clearly from the Memorandum. "

(5) "Recently I have been reading in ~~t~~ "Ourselves" in the mornings as a result of which I have been able to accept and make my own all Miss Mason's teaching as set out in the "Synopsis". The last hurdle was "children are born neither good nor bad. . . I have already given several talks to our Mothers' Union with "Ourselves" as a background. (The writer has grown up children brought up in the P.U.S.)....."

(6) "It is especially interesting to me who was at College at the beginning of the century when Miss Mason's philosophy of life and education were new and epoch making. How privileged we were to be sharing these ideas which are only now fifty years ~~hence~~ ^{after,} being fully understood".....

(7) "Your historical survey is enlightening. Miss Mason gave her ideas to the world in a form complete; they could be enlarged but never altered."

(8) "What a wonderful conception and how it has borne fruit. I do hope all the series of books will be reprinted."

(9) "I have just had occasion to read "Home Education" "School Education" and "Parents and Children", and am as ever amazed at their wisdom; how ultra-modern they are! I never hear a lecture on education which I feel is new since my days at Scale Howf."

(10) "The Memorandum has shown Charlotte Mason in quite a new light or rather the sequence of her thought in a new light and I now want to read her books again".

(11) ^{The Memorandum gives} "~~as above~~ an excellent groundwork plan I must get out my books and read up the various chapters as my mind wants clear refreshment of the whole subject".

(12) "It is this reason living again for so many of us"